

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

December 6, 2010

SPECIAL SESSION

The Special Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, December 6, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Powers presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

Color Guard by Boy Scout Troop 19

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: J. M. Holmes, Kevin Hanley, Bill Kirby, Keith Nesbitt, Bridget Powers

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: City Manager Robert Richardson, Community Development Director Will Wong, Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi, Public Works Director Bernie Schroeder, Building Official Lisa Hoffrogge, Transit Analyst Megan Siren, Administrative Services Director Andy Heath, Senior Accounting Technician Mary Freitas, Accounting Technician Shari Conley and Assistant City Clerk Amy Lind

1. **Public Comment**

No public comment.

2. **Remarks from the Outgoing Mayor Bridget Powers**

Mayor Powers thanked everyone for the opportunity to be the Mayor of Auburn for the past year. She said it was an honor to carry out the duties of Mayor. She said she enjoyed her weekly radio program and being a part of the *AMGEN* tour coming to Auburn in both 2010 and 2011. She said the City Manager and CFO did a fine job keeping the City Council informed on any fiscal situations that may greatly affect the City. She said although they managed to keep the City in a good position, there is still more work to be done in regards to maintaining a fiscally sound position and she said she looks forward to working with the City Council to continue to do that. She also thanked all of the employees at the City for their hard work and dedication. She highlighted some of her accomplishments from the past this year including starting up the Airport

Business Park Association and hiring a part time Airport Manager. She thanked the Auburn Aviation Association for all of their support on these two efforts. She said the ribbon cutting at Central Square was also a highlight of her year as Mayor. She thanked the Police and Fire Departments and said each department took her on a ride-a-long to show her a day in their life. She also thanked the Public Works Department and highlighted some of their projects that were completed over the last year. She stressed that volunteerism is the foundation of our country and said we set the best example across the entire country for volunteerism in the City of Auburn. She finished by saying she really enjoyed this last year and it has been great to be Mayor.

3. **Election Results**

City Clerk Joseph Labrie read the results of the Canvass of Vote, certified by Placer County Clerk Jim McCauley, for the November 2, 2010 Municipal Election, and reported the breakdown of the total votes cast.

4. **Oath of Office**

Judge Eugene Gini administered oath to City Council Members elected November 2, 2010.

Mike Holmes	Council Member
Bridget Powers	Council Member
Kevin Hanley	Council Member

5. **Council Reorganization**

A. **Nomination and Selection of Mayor**

Mayor Powers declared nominations open for the position of Mayor. By **MOTION** approved nomination for Bill Kirby for Mayor.
MOTION: Powers/ Hanley/ Approved 5:0

B. **Nomination and Selection of Mayor Pro Tem**

Mayor Powers declared nominations open for the position of Mayor Pro Tem. By **MOTION** approved nomination for Keith Nesbitt for Mayor Pro Tem.
MOTION: Holmes/ Hanley/ Approved 5:0

6. **Oath of Office to Newly Selected Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem**

Oath of Office administered by Judge Eugene Gini to newly selected Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem.

7. **Presentation from Newly Selected Mayor**

Mayor Kirby presented outgoing Mayor Powers with a plaque in recognition of her service as Mayor in 2010.

8. **Exchange of Council Seats**

Newly selected Mayor and Council Members were seated in order as set by precedence.

Outgoing Mayor	Seat 1	Powers
Alphabetically Seated	Seat 2	Hanley
New Mayor	Seat 3	Kirby
Alphabetically Seated	Seat 4	Holmes
Alphabetically Seated	Seat 5	Nesbitt

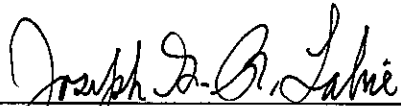
9. **Mayor's Address by Bill Kirby**


Mayor Kirby said it is an honor to become the Mayor of Auburn. He said Auburn has been fortunate to have had many distinguished leaders in this community and he is humbled by the position. He said it is important to note that the Mayor is only one of five City Council Members and the Mayor's vote is no more nor less important than any other's. He said Auburn has a dedicated City Council made up of true citizen legislators. He highlighted each of his fellow Council Members and their recent accomplishments. He recognized the many citizens who are willing to serve on our numerous committees, providing key leadership advice to council members. He said the greatest task of local government is to provide for the public safety and maintain our infrastructure within our means. He recognized Auburn's employee organizations for "stepping up to the plate" to help Auburn through this difficult economic time. He said Auburn's employees have been working harder with fewer resources to accomplish their goals. He said they have also helped the City by renegotiating pension and health plans. He said Auburn is also the only local municipality that has guaranteed their employees that they will restore the 10% cuts that they were forced to make when the economy improves. He recognized City Manager Robert Richardson and the members of the management team. He recognized the City Attorney Michael Colantuono, who was named the Public Lawyer of the Year. He recognized the other elected officials overseeing the City's business including City Treasurer George Williams and City Clerk Joe Labrie. He said due to the efforts of Police Chief Valerie Harris, Captain John Ruffcorn, the Amgen Committee and dedicated City Staff, Auburn has been awarded a start of the Amgen Bicycle Tour of California in May. He said he plans to make the most of this opportunity, working with our

business and county partners to highlight the Greater Auburn community. He said under the leadership of City Manager Robert Richardson, Auburn will be moving forward in 2011 with an aggressive marketing campaign in conjunction with the business associations and chamber partners. He said it will be an exciting and active time for our City and he welcomes the opportunity to participate and promises to listen to any and all suggestions Auburn citizens have. He said one of his personal goals in the next year is to explore a regional solution for the sewage problems to achieve the best results for Auburn's rate payers. He said he hopes some day there will be a joint powers agreement that would manage all treatments plants irrespective of what lines they cross. He said constantly upgrading small sewage treatment plants to comply with ever-changing standards may no longer be an affordable option. He said would welcome the outcome of several studies to be completed shortly to help guide us through this critical decision in our future. He said it is very important with these monumental issues that we have a vision 50 years in the future, not just the "typical politician's view of until the next election". He spoke of the benefits of beginning a dialog on annexation. He said this is controversial to some and stressed that this is just an initial dialog. He said the county supervisor boundaries will be changing shortly, most likely leaving only one county supervisor representing North Auburn. He said this will further dilute the citizens of North Auburn influence over county decisions. He said about 80% of the tax revenue generated by North Auburn, which many people consider to be Auburn, leaves our community and goes to support other areas of the County. He said it's been almost 21 years since this subject has been visited and its time to look at it again. He thanked everyone for their support.

Mayor Kirby invited everyone to Central Square for a celebration.

ADJOURNMENT at 5:59 p.m.


Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk


William W. Kirby, M.D., Mayor